

West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

September 2026



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<http://www.westseattleeagles.org>



Social Room Hours:

Sunday:	2pm-10pm
Monday:	3pm-11pm
Tuesday:	3pm-11pm
Wednesday:	3pm-11pm
Thursday:	3pm-11pm
Friday:	3pm-12am
Saturday:	12pm-12am

All guests must be signed in, and the member that signed them in is responsible for their actions.

\$10.00 minimum for all debit and credit cards.

* It is the bartender's discretion to stay open past the hours posted.

** Social Room may open early for televised sports or special events.

Trustee Corner



The last month has brought significant changes to our Trustee team. First, we want to thank John Ledeman, Paul Leonardo, and Brent Lindblom for their dedicated service as Trustees. Their work has strengthened our club, and we wish them the very best.

We also want to welcome Craig Wollgast and Carl Sweetland as incoming Trustees for the 2026-27 year. We are still seeking one additional Trustee to complete the team. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Worthy President Tom Maddy, or speak with any of the Trustees.

Patio Policy Updates

We have made a few important changes to the patio rules:

- No smoking during events
- People under 21 may be in the patio area, but must be accompanied by a member, parent, or guardian

Club Maintenance

The club carpets were professionally cleaned last Monday. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the space.

Trustee Priorities for the Next Three Months

The Trustees will be focusing on:

- Building out clear operating procedures
- Cataloging and prioritizing building projects
- Strengthening financial oversight and reporting

Trustee Meetings

Trustee meetings are now open to membership again. If you have a topic you want us to discuss, please place it proactively in the suggestion box. Your input helps guide our work and ensures we are addressing the needs of the club. For your topic/suggestion/etc to be considered for the meeting agenda, it must be placed in the box by 7 PM on Monday.

Communication Committee Update

Updates to E-mail, Social Media Presence, and More

The Communication Committee is launching a pilot of our new email system, Zoho Campaigns, throughout September. We will be testing features, enrolling members, and preparing to transition away from our current newsletter platform. The new system will allow us to send targeted alerts for events, food specials, music, volunteer needs, and more. It also includes optional text messaging capabilities.

Social Media Role Needed

We are seeking a dedicated Social Media Coordinator to help maintain a consistent posting schedule and proactive communication across our social channels. This person can be an Aerie or Auxiliary Member. If you are interested, please reach out to Carl Sweetland at 206-683-5523 or carlsweetland@outlook.com.

How Do You Prefer to Communicate?

We want to hear from you. How do you want to receive information about the club? What can be improved? Your voice will help shape our communication strategy for the future. Please send your ideas to communication@westseattleeagles.org.

The next Communication Committee is on Sept 10th at 5pm in the Game Room

Click this link (on the PDF on your computer or phone) to join the mailing list

[West Seattle Eagles \(Mailing List Form\)](#)

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

All submissions, articles, advertisements, promotions need to be e-mailed to

Anthony Evans
anthonix@comcast.net

...at least one week before the end of the month. Newsletters are sent out to all members five days before the 1st of the month.

Thank you!

THE GREAT AMERICAN PICNIC

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOSTS



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

“The eagle represents the freedom and unity shared by all who are blessed to call this great nation home.

I hail from Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, where our nation's story began. My husband, a proud veteran, is deeply passionate about his country and his community.

Together, we warmly invite you to join us for Aerie #2643's

Great American Picnic

as we celebrate and raise a toast to America's 250th birthday!”



Christine and Armando Juarez



AUXILIARY AND AERIE #2643

Volunteers Needed

Consider donating just a little of your time. It's totally worth it!

The club is always in need of volunteers, and we are building a master list of members who want to help. The Membership Committee is collecting names, contact information, and the types of tasks you enjoy so we can reach out when specific needs arise.

Volunteer opportunities range from simple event cleanup to leadership roles such as **Club Auditor**, which is a current and important need. Long term, this list will be managed through our new email system, but for now we are gathering information manually.

Immediate Need: ADA Bathroom Project

We are seeking volunteers to help complete the new ADA bathroom in the Banquet Hall. Brent Lindblom is leading this project and needs people with skills in demo work, drywalling, and basic construction.

If you would like to volunteer, please email membership@westseattleeagles.org with:

- Your name
- Your contact information
- The types of tasks or roles you enjoy
- Any general interest in helping or leading projects

Your support makes a real difference in keeping our club strong and welcoming.



Learn about Hosting a Meal!

**Kitchen orientation and cooking with
Chef Dylan September 9th at 5:30 PM**

Curious about hosting a meal at the Eagles but feel intimidated or unsure about using the kitchen? This is your chance to learn!

Join Chef Dylan for a hands-on cooking session where we'll prepare a full meal together. You'll get practical experience and have plenty of time to ask questions—whether it's about using the equipment, planning a menu, or handling clean-up.

There's no cost to participate, but please sign up in the social room in advance so we know how much food to supply.

A Message from our Madam President

As summer winds down, I've been reflecting on all the fun events we hosted and the money we raised for charity. It sure was a busy time at the club!

Our fundraiser for Project Cool has wrapped up, with over **\$1,700 raised** to help children in need return to school with a brand-new backpack stuffed with school supplies to start the year off right. Thank you to everyone who participated and gave so generously, and a special thank-you to **Cindi Fuda** for heading up this fundraiser!

You may have seen the huge Mariners basket in the social room. We're selling raffle tickets to benefit the **West Seattle Food Bank**, so don't miss your chance to support this worthy cause—and maybe walk away with this beautiful basket! I know, I know... being a Mariners fan can be a bit of a rollercoaster, but I'll always be **True to the Blue**, especially when it benefits our local community!

We're also hosting another **Kitchen Orientation** this month! Join us on **September 29** for hands-on training with Chefs Dylan and Matt. We'll prepare a meal together, with plenty of time to get your questions while sitting down to enjoy the finished product. We're fortunate to have Chefs Dylan and Matt whipping up delicious meals for us to enjoy year-round, but I know there are so many fabulous cooks among our membership. Hosting a meal is also a fantastic way to raise money for the charity of your choice! Whether you're new to the club and have expressed interest in helping in the kitchen, or you're a seasoned member who has felt a little intimidated by our kitchen, **this is the event for you!**

Many of you attended our **New Member Social** in August, and it was so much fun that we decided to make it a recurring event—and officially open it up to all members! Join us on **Friday, September 11**, to mingle with fellow members, meet new friends, enjoy drink specials, play cornhole, and maybe even walk away with a door prize. Going forward, these socials will usually be held on the **first Friday of each month**, so mark your calendars! We've changed the date this month due to Labor Day weekend.

As always, check out the rest of the newsletter and keep an eye on social media for more details about upcoming events. We've got a fun and busy fall ahead of us, and you won't want to miss out!

Amy Ojendyk

Amy Ojendyk, Madam President



West Seattle Eagles Aerie #2643

Events Calendar - September 2026

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30	2 Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Eagle Riders Meeting 7:00	3 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30	4	5 Great American Picnic \$20 5:30 Tony Williams Band 7:30
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6 Hall Rental	7 Mexican Train Dominoes 5:30 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	8 Calendar Meeting 5:30 Trustee Meeting 6:00	9 Taco Night Patriots at Seahawks 5:20 Cribbage 5:30	10 Communications Committee meeting 5:00 Joint Officers Meeting 6:00	11 Obie's Steak Night 5:30 \$25 Karaoke 7:30	12 Food 5:30 Tripp Rezac and the Champagne Cowboys 7:30
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13 Sunday Dinner 5:00-7:00	14 Mexican Train Dominoes 5:30 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	15 Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30	16 Taco Night Communications Meeting 5:30 Book Club 7:00 Game Room Trivia with Grant Varney 6:30.	17 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30	18 Michael Romero Band 7:00-10:00	19 Food 5:30 John Stephen Band 7:30
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20 Sunday Dinner 5:00-7:00 Seahawks at Cardinals 1:25	21 Mexican Train Dominoes 5:30 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	22 Trustee Meeting 6:00	23 Taco Night Cribbage 5:30	24 Poker 6:30	25 Karaoke 7:30 Oktoberfest Preparations	26 Oktoberfest 5:00-10:00
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27 Aux Breakfast 10:00 \$12 Crafting 2:00-4:00 \$10 Seahawks at Commanders 10:00 AM	28 Mexican Train Dominoes 5:30 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	29 Kitchen Orientation 5:30 Trustee Meeting 6:00	30 Taco Night Cribbage 5:30	31
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2026

Fraternal
Order of
Eagles
#2643

F.O.E. Eagles Members

40% OFF OUR SESSION FEE

NO MATTER YOUR CLUB, ALL EAGLES MEMBERS IN
GOOD STANDING RECEIVE A 40% OFF
OUR SESSION FEE AS A THANK YOU
FOR FELLOW MEMBERS!!

Jamison A Johnson

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Portraits, Headshots, Art

Currently with Discount the Session fee is only \$175!

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206.909.3657

West Seattle Eagles

HOMEMADE

PASTY



\$12
EACH!

We're excited to announce our Frozen Homemade Pasty Pre-Sale! Pasties are a traditional, hearty hand-held meat pie made with seasoned beef, potatoes, onions, and other vegetables wrapped in a flaky pastry crust and baked to perfection. Frozen pasties will be available pre-sale for \$12 each. A sign-up sheet is in the Social Room throughout September, or you can scan the QR code to add your order information. Pre-ordered pasties are expected to be ready for pickup after October 11th. Watch for details about our November Pasty Dinner, where you can purchase a complete meal featuring a homemade pasty and accompanying side dishes.

All proceeds will benefit Mary's Place

MARINERS BASEBALL BASKET RAFFLE

WIN A MARINERS FAN PACK!



Drawing:
Monday,
September 14th

RAFFLE
TICKET
\$1 EACH

RAFFLE TICKET
\$1 EACH

BENEFITING
WEST SEATTLE FOOD BANK

Drawing: Monday, September 14th

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

CALENDAR MEETING



TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8



5:30 PM



IN THE
BANQUET HALL



The Calendar Committee meets at 5:30 PM on the second Tuesday of every month, and every member is welcome to participate.



This committee is where we coordinate upcoming events, schedule fundraisers, plan social activities, and make sure our Aerie calendar stays full and fun.



If you've ever wanted to host a dinner, organize a fundraiser, run a game night, or help with any club activity, this is the place to start. Members can come to the meeting, share ideas, and sign up for events you'd like to run. It's a friendly, collaborative group — and a great way to contribute to the life of the Aerie.

Join us next month and help shape
what happens at

WEST SEATTLE AERIE 2643

People helping people



WEST SEATTLE EAGLES
Hosted by Armando and Christine

GREAT AMERICAN PICNIC

WEST SEATTLE AUXILIARY & AERIE 2643
Celebrating 250 Years of Our United States!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Saturday, September 5th

COME CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
All donations will go to cancer research, the Auxiliary's named charity, and the Aerie's General Fund.

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE




WEST SEATTLE EAGLES
Hosted by Armando and Christine

CELEBRATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR UNITED STATES

\$20 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT!
NO DOGGIE BAGS OR TAKE-HOME

Dinner Served at 5:30 PM

Brisket • Spareribs • Chicken • Wings • Hot Dogs
Potato Salad • Pasta Salad • Fruit Salad
Watermelon • Baked Beans • Corn • Deviled Eggs

DESSERT TABLE!

THE TONY WILLIAMS BAND
7:30–10:30 PM

RAFFLE PRIZES!
Proceeds benefit cancer research, the Auxiliary's named charity, and the Club's General Fund.

GREAT AMERICAN PICNIC

SIGN UP AT THE EAGLES, OR EMAIL ARMANDO & CHRISTINE
aerie2643presidentajuarez@gmail.com

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

MAIN COURSE PROVIDED BY
Armando & Christine

BRING A DISH

- Bring a side dish or dessert.
- Prepare enough to serve 20 or more people.

LEND A HAND

- Volunteers needed for setup, serving & cleanup.

FOOD DROP-OFF

West Seattle Kitchen — Aerie #2643
Saturday, September 5 • 1:30–3:30 PM

Label the bottom of your dish with your name if you would like it returned.

Dishes can be picked up in the Banquet Hall.

Thank you for sharing from the heart!
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

CONDENSED SIGN-UP LIST

Choose a dish, dessert, or volunteer shift.

ITEM NEEDED	HOW MANY
Potato Salad	3
Pasta Salad	3
Green Salad	2
Fruit Salad	2
Deviled Eggs	12 DOZEN
Desserts	12

Sign up in person or email your selection.
Volunteer help is welcome, too!



SAVE THE DATE

What: The West Seattle Fraternal Order of Eagles is happy to announce the return of our annual OKTOBERFEST. The amazing Oompa band, food, games and raffles are all back for another year.

When: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Where: 4426 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116

Time: Band will start at approximately 5:00 PM with full food service beginning around 5:30 PM.



FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

September Book Club

- 6:30 Grab a drink and a taco and head to the upstairs game room to settle in
- 7:00 Discussion begins!
- 7:55-ish - Selecting next month's book
- All are welcome to continue the conversation or get to know each other better in the social room after!



"A story of love and hope as interweaving characters display: how all moments, big and small, can measure a life. If you want joy, love, romance, and hope—read with us." —Jenna Bush Hager

A luminous, spirit-lifting blockbuster of speculative fiction that asks: would you choose to find out the length of your life?

The Measure charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another: best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding refuge in the unknown, a couple who thought they didn't have to rush, a doctor who cannot save himself, and a politician whose box becomes the powder keg that ultimately changes everything.

Enchanting and deeply uplifting, The Measure is an ambitious, invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

PROST!

Oktoberfest

September 26



Silent Auction Donations Needed

We are seeking donated items to help make this year's auction a success.

Deadline to donate: Sept 21st

Ideas: homemade art • jewelry • sporting event tickets • gift baskets • gift cards • experiences • and more

All donations are appreciated and will support the West Seattle Foodbank. Thank you!

Donations/contact: Jen 206-550-1676

Live MUSIC

Every SATURDAY
NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER!

Tony Williams and
the Stone Sharp Band
September 5th



Tripp Rezac and the Champagne Cowboys
September 12th



John Stephen Band
September 19th



OKTOBERFEST - Folk Voice Band
September 26th



Food at 5:30

(Most Saturday Nights -
Check the lobby calendar)

Music from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM



2026-2027 Aerie Officers

Jr. Past Worthy President	Russell Martiens, PWP
Worthy President	Thomas Maddy
Worthy Vice President	Anthony Evans
Worthy Chaplain	Anne Weglin
Worthy Secretary	Marcus Higbee, PWP
Worthy Treasurer	David Wolff
Worthy Conductor	
Worthy Inside Guard	
Trustee	Eric Carroll
Trustee	Russell Martiens, PWP
Trustee	Carl Sweetland
Trustee	Craig Wollgast
Aerie Father	Zane Fitterer, PWP



2026-2027 Auxiliary Officers

Jr. Past Madam President	Barbara Ball, PMP
Madam President	Amy Ojendyk
Madam Vice President	Lexi Fittro
Madam Chaplain	Susie Klein
Madam Secretary	Pam Thomas
Madam Treasurer	Sue Irvin
Madam Conductor	Gisela Grieb, PMP
Madam Inside Guard	Linda Fittro, PMP
Trustee	Cindi Fuda
Trustee	Debbie McGee
Trustee	Debbe Myers
Auxiliary Mother	Donna Klippert, PMP
Auxiliary Grandmother	Mary Lou Wilkerson, PMP

State and Grand Schedule

District 5 Meeting Schedule 2026-2027

September 19th White Center #2568
10452 15th Ave SW, Seattle, WA
98146
(206) 248-1400

November 21st West Seattle #2643
4426 California Ave SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 938-4426

January 16th Salmon Bay #2141
5216 20th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98107
(206) 783-7791

March 20th Burien #3523
920 SW 150th ST
Burien, WA 98166
(206) 246-3350

May 15th Salmon Bay #2141
(District 5 Memorial, 5216 20th Ave NW
Installation of District Seattle, WA 98107
Officers (206) 783-7791

Joint Meetings at 11 AM. Aerie &
Auxiliary meetings at 12 Noon.
District meetings are now on the third
Saturday of every other month.

Sunshine Report

Sympathy

Andrea Merlino Mother - Doris Harden
passed

Lisa Schneider Husband - Christopher
passed

Thinking of You

Joann Clutcher

Michelle St.Amour

Took a fall

Not doing well

If you know of any Aerie or
Auxiliary members that could
benefit from a card or a visit,
please notify

Barbara Ball
(206) 715-2219
bball58.gov@gmail.com

People Helping People

Do you have some free time and would like to have a more active involvement in our club and community? Come and talk to an officer and see what you can do to be a part of our raising money for charity and benefiting our community.

There are lots of opportunities to participate without spending a ton of time. Anything from doing dishes for a dinner or checking IDs during street fair or another event helps the club greatly.

If you want to take an even more active role in the club, talk to us about what is involved in becoming an officer. A couple hours a month is a worthy investment in helping to direct our path moving forward.



Our Mission Statement

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

Did you Know?

You can search for a nearby Aerie by going to www.foe.com and clicking on the Aerie locator. Perfect for when you are planning a trip this summer.

Or, you can pick up a book listing all the aeries in our social room.

Recurring and Upcoming Events

Aerie / Auxiliary Events:

Trustee Meetings

are held every Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

Aerie Meetings are held twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 PM.

Auxiliary Meetings are held twice a month on the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

Calendar Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

Joint Officer Meetings are held quarterly. All Aerie and Auxiliary officers.

Eagle Riders Meetings are held on every first Wednesday at 7:00.

Recurring Events:

September 2026

Events are subject to change. Keep an eye on the white board in the club entrance area and on Facebook for the most current information.

Sundays

Sunday Night Dinners 5:30

See the lobby calendar and Facebook for updates on what's going to be served!

Mondays

Queen of Hearts. Dinner at 5:30. Raffle Tickets sold until 6:45. Drawing at 7:00 PM. Bar Food!

Mexican Train Dominoes. In the Banquet Room at 5:30 each Monday!

Wednesdays

Taco Wednesday. \$2.00 per taco, or three for \$5.00. From 5:30 until sold out.

Cribbage. All Wednesdays except for the 3rd Wednesday. 6:00 PM

Trivia Night by Grant Varney. 3rd Wednesday. 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Book Club. Second Wednesday of every month. 6:30 tacos and drinks, discussion at 7:00 upstairs in the game room.

Thursdays

2nd last or last Thursdays (see calendar): **Poker tournament.** \$40.00 buy in. 7:00 in the game room upstairs. Members only.

Fridays

Occasionally, there is an Aerie or Auxiliary dinner served at 5:30.

2nd Friday - Obie's Steak Night

3rd and 5th Friday (July Only): **Karaoke** from 8:00 to midnight.

Saturdays

Usually, there is an Aerie or Auxiliary dinner served at 5:30.

If no dinner is scheduled, Bar Food is sometimes served.

Live Music most Saturday nights 7:30-10:30

Special Events:

Saturday, September 5th

Great American Picnic

Armando and Christine Juarez will be hosting the ultimate picnic to celebrate 250 years of the USA! \$20, all-you-can-eat - bring a side dish! Raffles and Prizes (of course!)

Wednesday, September 9th

Seahawks Season Opener

The Seahawks will be hosting the Super Bowl LX losers, the New England Patriots, for a rematch. 5:20 PM. ALWAYS a wild and fun time. Screens all over the club. Tacos and Cribbage too!

Saturday, September 26th

Oktoberfest

Oompa music, Beer, German food, Beer, Dancing, Beer, Games, Raffles, and BEER!

Sunday, September 27th

Auxiliary Breakfast - SEAHAWKS GAME on the TVs!

Your auxiliary is putting on it's famously delicious breakfast starting at 10:00 AM. \$12